San Francisco, Mar. 10th '81.

William Brewster, Esq.,

Dear Sir;

Your favor of the 15th ult. was duly received, pardon the delay.

My speciality is Oölogy, but I make and sell bird's skins, I have only one specimen on hand of the White throated Swift (♀) which I have already agreed to part with, but as every thing promises now I will be in their locality within two or three weeks, and can probably get some.

I can, in all probability get any of the following birds, although there are a few I may or may not meet with and others not mentioned below that I am liable at any time to get.

Smithsonian Catalogue Numbers —

Pica nuttalli [illegible] tricolor Sphyr. ruber.
1-13-24-47-48-50-52-59-78-96-98-87
[illegible]
103-105-107-126-131-134-136-144a-
Anthus ludov.
152-155-159-160-161-165-170-184
195-203-213-223-225-226-227-
Vireo huttoni
228-231-237-245 Swainsonii. 249
Harp. redivivus Salpinctes obsoletus Cis. palustris Loph. inornatus
256-264-268-267-271-274-287-298
Passerc. anthinus
308, 313, 314, 316, 334, 335, 344, 346,
Mel. guttata
347, 352, 359, 364 (Samuels), 366 guttata,
Ag. tricolor
372, 381, 386, 394, 402, 403, 404, 407,
416, 418, 437, 450, 474, 504, 530,
534, 552 obsoletus, 559, 620. Anser rossii

And some of the water birds which I am not certain of getting

Yours truly, W. E. Bryant. — No. 8 Davis St. —

William Brewster, Esq.
Cambridge,
Mass.

61 Sparks St.

W. E. Bryant.
March 10, 1881.

bMZ 117.101

San Francisco, April-27, '81.

William Brewster, Esqr.

Dear Sir,—

Soon after receiving your postal card of the 8th inst. I started on foot after specimens of Panyptila

I had a walk of sixty miles, saw five of the birds, but they were at an immense height and I could not get a shot at them, in June there will be young birds out and then parents and young will fly lower especially if the day is dull and cloudy.

If nothing happens to prevent I will go over again in June.

I start to day for Nevada on a collecting trip after birds and Eggs, and if I don't get some good things it will be because they can't be found.

I have laid out the following birds for you and father will pack and send them at the first opportunity.

♂♀ Vireo huttoni.
♂ – Agelaeus tricolor.
♂♀ Passerculus anthinus.
♂♀ Lophophanes inornatus.
♂♀ Salpinctes obsoletus.
♂♀ Melanerpes torquatus.
♂♀ S. varius ruber.
♂♀ Picus nuttalli.
♂ – Harporhynchus redivivus.
♀ – Cistothorus palustris.

Set your own prices on them.

Yours truly,

8 Davis St. W. E. Bryant.

P.S. My letters will be forwarded.

William Brewster, Esq.
Cambridge
Mass.

W. E. Bryant.
Apr. 27, 1881.

San Francisco, Cal.
July, 18th 1881.

Wm. Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir,

I have now on hand the following skins.

Zonotrichia gambeli Juv. ♂ .37½
Pass. amoena ♂♀ .37½ Each.
H. celata lutescens ♂ .50
D. auduboni ♂ .37½
✓ Cypselus saxatilis ♂♀ 1.50 Each.
Contopus richardsoni ♀ .50
M. formicivorus bairdi ♂ .50
T. aedon parkmanni ♂ .37½
Calidris arenaria ♂♀ .37½ Each.
Pelidna alpina americana winter plumage ♂♀ .37½ Each

Zamelodia melanocephala ♂♀ .50 Each.
Recurvirostra americana ♀ 1.00
P. belli nevadensis ♂♀ .50 Each
Sitta carolinensis aculeata ♂ .40
✓ O. montanus ♂♀ .50 Each.
Pipilo chlorurus ♂ .50
✓ Picicorvus columbianus ♂♀ .80 Each.
Scolec. cyanocephalus ♂ .30
✓ Accipiter fuscus .50
Cotile riparia ♀ .20
Hirundo erythrogastra ♂ .20
Tachycineta thalassina ♂ .50
P. fuscus crissalis ♀ .37½
✓ Geothylipis macgillivrayi ♂ .60

Many of the birds I now skin go into Father's collection to help complete series so that I have little that is desirable to offer

At your request I have affixed prices, but don't let that hinder you from changing them if you wish.

Very truly Yours,

W. E. Bryant.

W. E. Bryant
July 18, 1881.

San Francisco, Cal.
Aug. 22nd. 188.

William Brewster, Esq.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 10th. inst. is received. I will send this week,

C. saxatilis ♂ ♀
O. montanus ♂ ♀
P. columbianus ♂ ♀
A. fuscus ♂

The ♂ Geothlypis macgillivrayi is not good enough for you, the tail is worn.

The box of skins you speak of were intended for Mr. Cory of Boston, I must have been thinking of Mr. Diablo when I addressed it, as the birds were promised to Mr. Cory I would like to have him have them and I will try to get the ones you mention.

I have some large *Podiceps*, but they differ somewhat — *P. occidentalis* and Clarkii have been considered as two distinct species but some birds I collected last year upsets that idea.

A great many Curlew, N.— longirostris and N.— what I take to be N.— borealis have appeared in flocks with *Symphemia Semipalmata*, on the Alameda marsh, last Saturday I shot two Godwit.

Very truly yours,
W. E. Bryant.

W. E. Bryant.
Aug. 22, 1881.

San Francisco Cal.
Apr 30 1885.

Mr. Brewster,
Dear Sir,

Your postal of the 5th was duly received. I had intended to send a note of the Widgeon's capture on this coast to the "Forest & Stream", a journal which at least always acknowledged the receipt of my communications. Some notes (on albino birds) which ~~were~~ I sent to the Bulletin over a year ago were never heard from.

The English Widgeon is a male obtained in a S.F. market Feb. 17 1882 Length 19.57 Extent 33.57 Wing 10. Tail 4.50. Tarsus 1.50 Bill 1.31 Iris don't know. The bird was plump and in good condition.

Head and neck reddish brown - sparingly speckled with black.
top of head, creamy white.
narrow circle of black tinged with green around the eye.
Chin dusky extending sparsely along the throat, otherwise apparently like the American Widgeon.

I expect to start for Oregon this week, my mail will be forwarded.

Very truly yours
W. E. Bryant

W. E. Bryant
Apr. 30, 1883
Mareca penelope

Oakland Cal. Sept. 3. 1883.

William Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir.

My Oregon trip did not "pan out" well. I went at the wrong time for birds.

Doubt if you find any thing desirable in the list.

I will try and send the young birds this week.

Very truly Yours
W. E. Bryant
528 Sycamore St.

W. E. Bryant

Sept. 3, 1883

W. E. Bryant

Sept. 3. 188[illegible]

♀ —	162	.75	[illegible] ludovicianus
	121	.75	[illegible] megalonyx
♀	471	3 —	Tetrao Richardsonii ✓
♀	473b	4 —	Bonasa umbellus sabini ✓
Eg.	473b	2.50	" "
	456	1.50	Columba fasciata.
	4	.25	Turdus ustulatus
	96	.35	Dend. auduboni
	123a	.50	Icteria virens longicauda
♀	290	1 —	Cyanocitta Stelleri
♀	377	.50	Melanerpes [illegible]
	105	2 —	Dend. nigrescens
	51a	.60	Sitta aculeata
♀	249	.40	[illegible]
♀	272	.35	[illegible]
	"	[illegible]	
	[illegible]	1 —	[illegible]

♂ ♀		340 —	1—	Sial. [illegible]
♂, ♀		336 -	1.25	[illegible]
♂		343	1.50	Stellula cal.
♂		374 -	3—	[illegible]
♂		230	.75	Peucaea [illegible]
♂ ♀		85	.30	Hel. [illegible]
♀		559	1.50	Numenius hudson.
♀		615	1.25	[illegible]
♂ ad	Spring	634	2.50	[illegible]
♂	(Winter)	"	1—	"
♂	"	538 -	.50	[illegible]
	Spring	"	.50	
♂		617	2—	[illegible]
♂	Sp.	566	2—	[illegible]
♀	Winter	"	1.50	
♂		600 -	3.50	[illegible]
♂	Sp	541a -	1.50	Ereunetes occidentalis
♂		558 -	2—	Num. longiros
♂ ♀		427	4—	(or the pair for 7—

[illegible]

Sept. 3-1883

Oakland, Cal. Sept. 3. '83

William Brewster Esqr.

Dear Sir -

I have packed the following young or immature birds - which I send for examination

Or. Ruffed Grouse
Russet backed Thrush
Or. (?) Spurred Towhee -
Sage brush Sparrow
Gambels "
Rusty Song " (?)
Shore Lark
Cal. Purple Finch
Macgillivray's Warbler

Or. Snow Bird
West. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher ?
Black th. Gray Warbler
Creeper —
Plain Titmouse
Red & Buff sh. Blackbird.

Very truly yours.

W. E. Bryant

W. E. Bryant
Sept. 3, 19, 1883

Oakland, Cal. Sept. 19 1883

William Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir-

Your favor of the 11th inst. is received - please address to 520 Sycamore St. Oakland just name anything you wish and if I can let them go for less will be glad to do so, for you. I think my prices as low or lower than the dealers quote for a much more inferior skin than I offer.

I have written to Oregon for Bonasa but it is very uncertain as to my getting them down here before they spoil and I know of no Oregonian who makes a fair bird skin.

Am glad if you find something of interest in the youngsters, they are from my coll., some I never expect to get again, but will chance it on the following if you wish any of them.

Or. Thrush — Plain Titmouse
" Grouse —
Gambel's Sparrow —
Rusty Sg. " —
West. Yel. bel. - (of this species)

Yesterday I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Deane — Expected to see Capt. Bendire, but he has hurried on to the Congress.

Very truly yours
W. E. Bryant

P.S. Will send the others tomorrow.
W.E.B.

Oakland Cal Oct 17-1883

William Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 9th inst. with 7— $ received, accept my thanks.

Will send the birds soon, 25 % 10. Dendrocygna was not a skin of my make and probably had a cotton neck, it started to all appearances in fine shape — I use wire with cotton or oakum for long necks, oakum rolled hard for shorter ones, and cotton twisted for small specimens.

I am sorry that the bird was spoiled — Keep it and Lee let it go to profit and loss. If I Ever get a fresh one [illegible]

Bryant W. E.
Oct. 17, 1883.

a skin that will stand severer handling than U.S. mail.

I don't want anything for the youngsters only if they are worthy of a notice you might mention the collector.

I knew I had taken the young of Canace obscura in Oregon but ~~that~~ thought I had lost them. I never knew of Pedioecetes south of the Columbia.

Have you Pedioecetes of this coast, I have two skins from Wash. Ty.

Very truly yours.

W. E. Bryant

[illegible]

Oakland, Cal.
Oct. 22-1883-

William Brewster Esq

Dear Sir-

I send you the birds to day by Express to Boston - all of your order except the Warbler which is from Oregon.

I bought a rifle this week and am going to make another attempt to get a Condor, they are very rare and difficult to approach, expect to camp in the mountains about a week.

Very truly yours-
W. E. Bryant-

520 Sycamore

W. E. Bryant
Nov. 29, 1883

Oakland, Cal.
Nov. 29 1883.

William Brewster, Esqr.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 10th inclosing money order is received, accept my thanks for the same.

Will send the Warblers tomorrow. You may figure the youngsters at 25¢ each for those I part with — I am in no hurry for the others.

I have a young P. chlorurus which is somewhat spotted and no copper on crown, will send it for your inspection.

I don't know where my Pediocetes came from. Cooper

Wash. Ty., they died in S.F. while awaiting shipment to N. Zealand.

I have written to Oregon, but as yet have not been able to get any grouse. S.a. Kennicotti does not come down here. I have never collected any but bendirei

I have a specimen of Bonasa taken at Wilbur, Or. (same place as yours I believe) which is mostly gray on the tail instead of rufus.

(I have —

♂ —	235 b ♂	1—	[illegible]
♂♀ -	570	2—	[illegible]
♂♀	523	1.50	[illegible]
♂	144 a	.75	[illegible]
'	56	1—	[illegible]
♂	246	1—	[illegible]
♂	213	.50	[illegible]
	681	2—	[illegible]
	672 (Am.)	3.50	[illegible]
	541 a (spring)	1.50	[illegible]

25 % Discount —

Oakland Cal.
Dec. 18-1883.

William Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 9th is received.

The skin of 672 Im. is *perfection* will send when you wish!

I can get P.C. water birds if some one will identify - but I don't like to offer them as one species and find they are another.

I have a *Colymbus* - but don't know whether it is *pacificus* or some other ones in winter plumage. they are more difficult to get than *Aechmophorus* and much scarcer.

[illegible]

and as to occidentalis they are
in every plumage from adult
down — what will you have?

I prefer to Keep the Pipilo - you
may have the next one.

I have been counting on a visit
from Mr. Henshaw and now
he has gone back East! it is
about three years since any one
at all up in ornithology has
looked over my collection.

I have some of the most curious
hawk and other birds that I
can not identify -

Soon as my latest take gets
dry I will send you descriptions -

Henshaw was badly puzzled
me on a black rough legged hawk
and now I have a red & a
white one -

I have had Messrs Belding
Drane and Townsend here and
they saw specimens unknown to
them.

What is not known about P. Coast birds — especially water birds — will make a large volume.

Very truly yours

W E Bryant

H. E. Bryant
Dec. 18, 1883

H. E. Bryant
Jan. 15, 1884

Oakland, Cal. Jan 15, 1884

William Brewster, Esqr.

Dear Sir -

Your favor of the 29 ult. with 1.50 is received, accept my thanks - the young birds have arrived all right. I send with this for examination the parent of the young-what-is-it - a boy found the yg. one on the ground near some willows and by making it cry, he called the old bird some 300 yds. to his house. where he kept the yg. in a cage & was fed by the parent - nothing was seen of the ♂ - As I took the yg. from the cage the ♀ came about and I shot her! Is it Cassini?

I will save you one of the Colymbus and have yg. & ad. Larus occidentalis for you – Since I offered you the im. Larus heermanni – I have taken the yg. which are entirely dark – also older birds which show a little color on bill and are lighter – also birds nearly mature with exception of head, and adults – four forms –

I saw some beautiful adult. C. californicus and expect to get them next trip.

I will exchange water birds with you and suppose we use S. I.'s catalogue as a basis as far as possible – I will send you a list tomorrow.

I have –

Colymbus pacificus		.	4—
Larus occidentalis	ad.	"	2.50
"	im.	"	2—
"	yg	"	1.75

also

L. heermanni		ad	♂	3 —
"	nearly	"	"	2.50
"		im.	"	2-~~00~~ 25
"		yg	"	2 —

Saw several Colymbus last week but could not sail them down in a schooner yacht and it was too rough for a small boat.

Very truly yours

W. E. Bryant.

P.S. Did I ever write ~~that~~ I have a live Cal. Condor - I purchased him some time ago and dislike to kill him as I think some one or some gardens ought to have him alive - they are not caught alive hardly once in a life time.

I think he is [illegible]

Oakland, Cal. Feb. 5 - 1888

William Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir. -

Yours of the 27. ult. with 60 ¢ is just received accept thanks.

I thought of the possibility of getting the wrong ♀; but she was very attentive and fed the young one in the cage.

I made my desiderata out somewhat hurriedly and may have marked some I have as - Sora Rail - Black Skimmer Gull-billed Tern - Thick-billed Grebe in. The other you may send on approval also the small birds (5 species)

I have recently found a good place for water birds but it is a somewhat Expensive day's trip - and very hard work. I think

last week Larus glaucescens ♂ 4^{50} nearly mature also two gulls spec.?
I feel sure of getting L. californicus & L. delawarensis this month.

I had a flying shot at a C. pacificus and knocked 'im down — he struck and skipped a boat's length then dove and my boat drifting into a "tide-rip" I had all I wanted to do, being alone, to get out myself reasonably dry.

I have "marked down" some cormorants but they are not in winter plumage as yet.

Should like to have your desiderata especially of the water birds as I am making a fine collection of them this winter

I am somewhat prejudiced against "doubled" skins as I sometimes wish to mount specimens and those which I have seen are made so that they do not put up well.

Mr Keane was not here but a short time and did not see all the birds by several hundred skins.

Your idea of my sending on the "puzzles" and paying Ex. one way strikes me favorably. I have so little time to work from books and nothing but my own coll. for comparison.

My previous attempts at sending specs. away for identification &c have not been satisfactory - from other parties.

I have preferred to have them unnamed than to have them injured - A bird, dead or alive is something beautiful to me and I find a satisfaction in making fine skins as an artist might in the works of his brush.

I had planned to go to Alaska this year but find on investigation that the possibility of success does not warrant one in spending less than a year or two there.

Very truly Yours

H. H. C. Bryant

W. E. Bryant
Feb. 5, 1884

W. E. Bryant
March 3, 1884

Oakland, Cal.
Mar. 3. 1884

William Brewster, Esq.

Dear Sir.

Your letters of Feb. 12-22 were duly received and today the box of skins by express (Chgs. 5.55) that is all right.

You have some rare things on your desiderata — some I now have and a few others I can probably get.

When you get ready to return to Cambridge let me know and I will send on my box, I am very busy now and they will not be benefitted by being packed longer than necessary.

The birds on the whole I am well pleased with and shall probably not

return any as they are new to me
I have taken recently
♂ Passerculus rostratus ♂ 1 ea
♂ Myadestes townsendi [illegible]
♂ Aechmophorus ~~clarki~~ occidentalis 2.50 }
♀ " clarki 260 }

My Colymbus, some of them:- I feel sure are the winter pl. of C. septentrionalis - but I have taken others larger that I think are a diff. species.

You recollect Mr. Henshaw's article on Aechmophorus (Podiceps) - in Bull. N.O.C. - VI - Vol. 214 Page.
I have been studying them ever since and on skinning several I first noticed the ovaries of ♀ and then on skinning two large straight, heavy billed birds & finding them both ♂ (one had clark & the other white ones) the idea struck me that perhaps I had never seen a ♂ Clarki or a

♀ Occidentalis and in looking over all my skins I find that birds of 24.50 in length and less are ♀, and over that say 25.50 are ♂! (one exception #238 which is given 26. possibly an error had crept in) — this is comparison only on a length basis.

The curvature &c of bill should be noted from fresh birds as I believe they warp and the skins Mr. H's — examined although recently made were dry. the color of mandible also changes depending on where the shot strikes and whether they are hung head down before skinning therefore the curvature & color of mandibles in Mr. H's table I consider now as misleading.

Notice that Depth of bill just anterior to nostrils is 44.48 in the ♂ and 40-32 in ♀

The color of lores does integrade from dusky to white but in both species and I believe the *white* lores to be adult birds – a head of Clarkii taken on the breeding ground has *white* lores, of course this is only one but it is not an exception and I think all May & June birds have *white* lores

I would like to know your opinion on the relationship of these birds –

I believe them to be one species!

The descriptions re- taken of color & curvature of dry skins not being reliable, what is wanted is notes on fresh birds from breeding ground and that place is Washoe Lake, Nev. where I took a good many of their Eggs.

See "Bird of N. W." – Coues
and "Coues Key" –

I believe I have not sent out any skins labeled with other than genus only.

Viva Aechmophorus occidentalis –
Vale Aechmophorus clarkii

Very truly yours
W. E. Bryant.

Oakland Cal
Feb. 8th 1885.

Dear Mr. Brewster

Yours of the 22nd ult. was duly received and today a letter acknowledging safe arrival of the birds which I hope are but the advance guard of [illegible] yet to go from here.

I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for some fine things which I have yet to get as I expect to return to the Islands and also go overland to the Cape through Lower Cal.

My recent trip was highly satisfactory considering the circumstances of being continual sea sickness, the difficulty of landing and departing through the surf. The following [illegible] [illegible] mountainous nature of the country without doubt the hardest time which could be given to collecting.

Larus marinus is a [illegible] [illegible] here. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on [illegible], [illegible] might [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] strike, took no chances of his life.

I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] any [illegible] [illegible] except [illegible] [illegible].

Can you enlighten me in regard to the amount due you on your exchange [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Very truly yours,

Walter E. Bryant

W. E. Bryant

Feb. 4 - 1885

[illegible]

Feb. 26th 1885.

[illegible],

Yours of the 15th [illegible].

[illegible] the others - I make it

	$
A. occidentalis	3.[illegible]
2 Lonicera t. cal.	4.50
[illegible]	[illegible]
〃 〃 [illegible] ur.	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
2 [illegible]	[illegible]
1 Larix occidentalis	[illegible]
〃 [illegible] anne	[illegible]
	32.75

$ 36.50
32.75
3.75 Bal. due Wm. B.

Have credited you with $3.75

I have not much use for my
[illegible]
[illegible]
and would not take a farm for it.

My .22 does good work at very short range but the .32 will do all the .22 does and more, It saved the day on [illegible].

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
and exterminate the breed

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] 3rd, they are
[illegible] family
live in Sonora

From what I saw of Cumberland, it certainly [illegible] very
difficult and dangerous travelling [illegible] I saw a friend there and [illegible]
[illegible] many years [illegible] the [illegible]
It had the great advantage [illegible]
[illegible] but a great [illegible] other things.

We came [illegible]

For your care of the [illegible] and [illegible] for [illegible].
[illegible] and if the [illegible] is [illegible]
[illegible]

Very truly yours
[illegible]

W. E. Bryant
Feb. 26 - 1885

Oakland Cal. March 9th [illegible]

Dear Sir: [illegible],

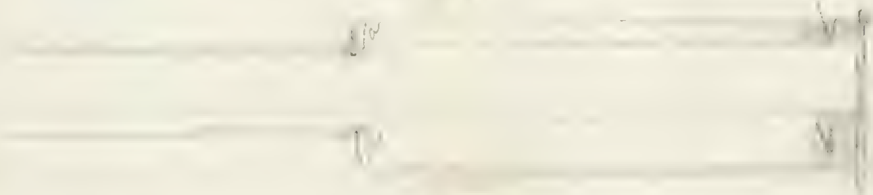
Yours of March [illegible] to hand. [illegible] again I will astonish you but can not [illegible]

I know a thing or two about [illegible]

[illegible]

had a time with it! Since then I have found a man who makes them to [illegible]. He uses solid brass Bar rod and bores it out to the desired Calibre and chambers for the shell

Fig 1



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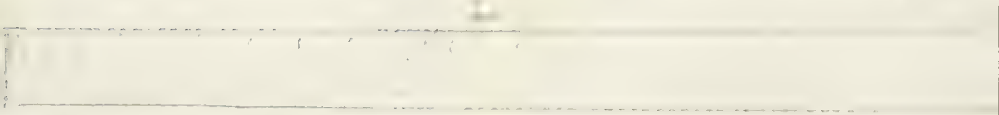

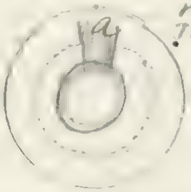

Fig 3

Fig 4

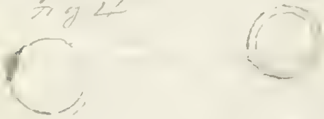

Fig 1 is an outline of one of my 32 cal it is made of brass rod inserted in a brass shell (12 bore [illegible]). Fig 2 shows [illegible] of barrel. Fig 3 the base of shell, the dotted circle is the barrel where it comes flush with the surface. The small thin rings are the chamber and countersunk for head of 32 shell. a is a notch cut to allow a metallic under head of shell to extract. Fig 4 is size of

H. S. Bryant
Mch. 19 - 1885,
([illegible])

enough to satisfy.

If you can get powder to burn in the chamber [illegible] of it [illegible] be [illegible] you have used.

[illegible] the shells [illegible] bought [illegible] the cap. [illegible] loading of the [illegible] chamber [illegible] the No. 2 [illegible].

I had my originally chosen loaded but it fouled so badly that I had chosen taken out and it [illegible] better from "Hazard's [illegible] Sporting Powder" [illegible] or better, comes in the [illegible] very fine [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] than any other [illegible] for the [illegible]

I use .32 extra long centre-fire shells

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible], [illegible]

me, about $4

I forgot to mention that there is [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

sheet to strengthen marked b.b.

I [illegible] 25 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

was a bullet being fired.

The assistant [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

bagged him

I have not [illegible]

and so have not found the proper

[illegible] 10 – [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] 55 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
away with carrying large sheep back
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] 22 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

.22 cal. center fire and they take [illegible] [illegible]. I have tried putting the shot in a paper and inserting in a .22 shell [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible] shot cartridge" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in .22 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] .22 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] absolutely [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] centre of barrel

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with his .22 cal.-

I have had .32 cup. 1 inch long and

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in the Stove?

[illegible]

[illegible]

Oakland. Cal. Aug. 19 - 1886

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Your favor of the 11th inst is recd.
I send by Express today to Boston - Chgs. pd. the
skins you ordered. Except instead of 1 poor skin
of ♂ quail — I have put in a pair ♂ + ♀ which if
satisfactory to you I would like to have off-set
the $3.75 to your credit which was made in an
Exchange - Feb. 26 - 84 - otherwise I should have sent
the amount long ago.

Have just finished my notice on Guad. Is.
for Oct "Auk", but all measurements are in
millimeters as I understood it was the desire of the
Editors to have the system adopted.

Very truly yours

Walter E. Bryant

W. E. Bryant

Aug. 19. 1886

CALIFORNIA
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SAN FRANCISCO.
P. O. BOX 2247.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 15 1887.

Dear Mr Brewster,

I had intended to figure M. rivularis and O. macrodactyla for our "Proceedings" but can not possible do so this year and am willing you should use both species if you wish — as far as I can see now M. rivularis is a pretty good species. Mr. Cory had one and I think two skins of O. macrodactyla. By all means send the skin to Ridgway. My only objection — which I pass in this case — would be the demoralization which, with scarcely an exception all skin receive that go into the Smithsonian — I do not know where the cause exists but it is a fact, remarked by many, that they are loath to send specimens for

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NOV. 16, 1889.

comparison or identification after getting them back in the course of months in a box *too* short with necks broken and plumage generally rumpled and in one instance *flattened* between two pieces of wood in lieu of a proper box.

For my part I have to sometimes borrow and am always willing to lend.

I wish you would come out here with your 20 ga. but if you really want to do good coll. I would suggest a 12 ga. out west.

Henry Wetherbee had a double barrel-plaything of 20 ga. with which I should think a fellow could have royal wing shooting in a clover field where bumblebees were thick!

Sincerely Yours,

Walter E. Bryant

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P. O. BOX 2247.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec 11 1890.

Dear Mr Brewster,

Your letter of Nov. 28 and Melospiza duly rec'd.

Recently, I had the pleasure of shooting some of your new Lower Cal. birds.

Sometime I should like to send you a couple of Glaucidium to identify. Just at present I am in great confusion owing to moving into the new C.A.S. building. I have a room 22 x 44 for use of my dept.

I have written for drawings and descriptions of the new Nat. Mus. bird cabinets, intending to have some made here. Are you using the same kind? I heard that you had discarded the cases in your [illegible]

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Dec. 11. 1890.

years ago.

Very truly yours
Walter E. Bryant

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Jany. 26. 1891.

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SAN FRANCISCO.
P. O. BOX 2247.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 26th 1891.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Pardon me for not having sent a year ago a copy of the Lower Cal. Cat. I was much ashamed today to get a letter from our Sec. wherein you ask for a separate. One starts today with a map of the region. If you don't receive copies of our bird papers as soon as issued write to me at once.

We have been and are still in great confusion incidental to moving into the new building.

I have received plans of the large cabinets which you designed and are used in the Smithsonian Inst. I can see that they are unnecessarily large for small birds and shall

continue to use the old museum
[illegible]
case. Regarding cases I would
like some information before making
application for them, I have
inclosed on another sheet the
queries. I find I can do
nothing until the others are dis-
tributed, because sending you a
few things for identification

Sincerely Yours

Walter E. Bryant.

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San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 16th 1891.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Your very welcome letter and reply to my list of queries, received.

I think I have it all clear now and shall at once make a requisition for much needed cases. I am exceedingly obliged for the information.

Let me know, if you can conveniently what papers you have of the Academy's publications and I will try to supply lacking ~~numbers~~ separates. I have you checked, only, for Descr. of Nest & Eggs of some L. C. Birds &c. and for Cat. of Lower Cal. Birds.

I have turned over to the Cal. Ornith. Club, most of my separates and they have appointed Mr. B. Macdonald (315 Montgomery St. S. F.) as agent for the Club. Some of the papers are nearly or quite exhausted. It is intended hereafter to keep on sale separates pertaining to works of Pac. Coast naturalists (i. e. ornithologists &c) I will request him to send you list of such as are on hand. The prices were graduated by the supply, mainly and will be lower on future papers.

There has been some "hitch" lately in the distribution of the Academy's papers mainly owing to the confusion incident to moving into the new building and Dr. Merriam has just sent me a justifiable "kick", at the failure to remember him.

I will try to have you elected a Correspondant of the Academy, whereby you will receive gratis the papers on ornithology.

The Editor of "Zöe" returns

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his thanks for your kind appreciation of the infant biological journal. It is a sort of pet among us out here and a few of us try to make it as much a bird journal as possible.

What has become of that Aborigine from Washington?

Sincerely Yours,

Walter E. Bryant.

Walter E. Bryant
Feby. 16. 1891.